

# 2003

## RESIDENT & MIGRATORY UPLAND GAME BIRDS

### CALIFORNIA REGULATIONS

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**2003 Hunting Regulations  
for Resident and  
Migratory Upland Game Birds**  
(effective July 1, 2003 through June 30,  
2004, unless otherwise noted herein.)

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**CODE OF FEDERAL  
REGULATIONS**

Please see Page 12 of this booklet for highlights of federal regulations relating to possession of migratory game birds (dove, band-tailed pigeon, American coots, common moorhen, snipe, crow, and waterfowl).

**UPLAND GAME BIRD STAMP**

An Upland Game Bird stamp is required for hunting all upland game birds (pheasants, turkey, doves, band-tailed pigeons, snipe, grouse, ptarmigan, quail, partridge and chukar). The Upland Game Bird Stamp provides a dedicated source of funding, under the Game Bird Heritage Program, for programs, projects and land acquisitions to benefit upland game birds, and for related hunting opportunities and public outreach.

**Hunting License Fees and Stamps**

Includes 5% license agent handling fee.  
License Year: July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

Junior, (under 16 years of age)	\$7.60
Resident.....	31.25
Nonresident .....	108.70
Two-Day Nonresident <sup>1</sup> .....	30.45
Disabled Veteran .....	4.75
Special Nonresident 1-Day <sup>2</sup> .....	14.70
California Duck Stamp <sup>3</sup> .....	10.50
Upland Game Bird Stamp <sup>3</sup> .....	6.55
Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp <sup>4</sup> Available at U.S. post offices.	
See Federal Regulations .....	15.00
Duplicate .....	6.30

<sup>1</sup> Valid only for birds and small game.

<sup>2</sup> Valid only for licensed game bird clubs for taking domestically reared game birds and pheasants or on domestically reared migratory game bird shooting areas. Sold only at the License and Revenue Branch Office.

<sup>3</sup> Not required for junior license holders.

<sup>4</sup> Required for hunters 16 and older.

**HOW TO OBTAIN INFORMATION**

For specific information, consult the Table of Contents and headings throughout the booklet. General information is found in the front and back of the booklet. If you still have questions, contact the nearest office of the Department of Fish and Game.

**Headquarters**

Box 944209, Sacramento 94244-2090  
(916) 653-7664  
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**License and Revenue Branch**

3211 S Street, Sacramento 95816  
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**Northern California & North Coast  
Region**

*Serving the following counties: Del Norte, Humboldt, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity*  
601 Locust Street, Redding 96001  
(530) 225-2300  
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1701 Nimbus Road, Rancho Cordova 95670  
(916) 358-2900

**Central Coast Region**

*Serving the following counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Monterey, Napa, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, Sonoma and Solano*  
7329 Silverado Trail, Napa 94558  
(707) 944-5500

**San Joaquin Valley & Southern  
Sierra Region**

*Serving the following counties: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, Tulare and Tuolumne*  
1234 E. Shaw Avenue, Fresno 93710  
(559) 243-4005

**South Coast Region**

*Serving the following counties: Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Ventura*  
4949 View Ridge Avenue, San Diego 92123  
(858) 467-4201

**Eastern Sierra & Inland Deserts Region**

*Serving the following counties: Imperial, Inyo, Mono, Riverside and San Bernardino*  
4775 Bird Farm Road, Chino Hills 91709  
(Licenses are not sold at this location)  
(909) 597-9823

**Marine Region**

350 Harbor Boulevard, Belmont 94002  
(650) 631-7730  
4665 Lampson Avenue, Suite C,  
Los Alamitos, 90720  
(562) 342-7100  
20 Lower Ragsdale Drive, Suite 100,  
Monterey, CA 94025  
(831) 649-2870

## License Provisions

A California hunting license is required for taking any bird or mammal. Hunters must carry licenses and be prepared to show them on request. Guns and other equipment used in hunting must also be shown on request. In addition to a hunting license, state and federal duck stamps are required to take migratory waterfowl; an upland game bird stamp is required to take pheasants, wild turkey, doves, band-tailed pigeons, snipe, grouse, ptarmigan, quail, partridge and chukar.

**Residency Requirements:** A resident is defined as any person who has resided continuously in California for six months immediately before the date of application for a license, tag or permit; or persons on active duty with the Armed Forces of the United States or an auxiliary branch; or Job Corps enrollees.

**License Refund Policy:** Refunds will not be issued for hunting licenses, as they are considered valid and in use from the date purchased.

## Duplicate Hunting Licenses

If you have lost or destroyed your hunting license, you may replace it by taking your Department-issued license receipt (the one that came with your license) to any agent selling hunting licenses. Give the agent your receipt, pay the appropriate fee, and you can get a duplicate hunting license. Special stamps, such as duck stamps or upland game bird stamps, must be replaced at full-fee. Keep your receipt in a safe place. If you lose your receipt or your duplicate hunting license, you must purchase another license at full-fee.

## Hunter Education Requirements

Hunters must present one of the following as proof of meeting California's hunter education competency requirements when applying for a hunting license:

- An annual California hunting license issued in any prior year;
- A two-day nonresident California hunting license issued after the 1999/2000 license year;
- A written declaration that you had a California hunting license in any prior year, but that license is now lost or destroyed;
- A California certificate of hunter education completion or equivalency with a California hunter education validation stamp;

- A certificate of successful completion of a California-approved hunter education course from any state or Canadian province;
- A current hunting license or a hunting license issued in either of the two previous years from any state.

Hunter Education Validation Stamp \$3.15  
Duplicate California Hunter

Education Certificate\* ..... 4.00

\* Certificates issued after 1989

## Licenses in Possession

700. Hunting and Fishing Licenses, Possession and Display of. (a) Display of Sport Fishing License: Every person, while engaged in taking any fish, amphibian or reptile, shall display their valid sport fishing license by attaching it to their outer clothing at or above the waistline so that it is plainly visible, except when diving as provided in Section 7145 of the Fish and Game Code.

(b) Possession of Hunting License: Every person, while engaged in taking any bird or mammal must have on their person or in their immediate possession a valid hunting license.

## Validation of Licenses

To be valid, every California hunting or sport fishing license shall be signed by the licensee, and the license or validation stamp shall show the date of issue. In addition, the license shall contain the following information about the applicant: true name, residence address, year of birth, height, color of eyes, color of hair, weight, sex and driver's license or DMV I.D. number.

## Possess Pheasant Carcass that Sex or Species Cannot be Easily Determined

It is unlawful for any person to have in his possession the carcass, in such condition that the sex or species cannot be easily determined, of any pheasant while in the field or forest or while upon any highway, train, car, boat, or other conveyance when returning from any hunting trip with gun or other hunting equipment.

*Fish and Game Code Section 3660.*

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**Definition of Take.** "Take" means hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill or attempt to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill.  
*Fish and Game Code Section 86.*

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## ATTENTION MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTERS!

**If you hunt ducks, geese, dove, band-tailed pigeon, snipe, coot, gallinules or black brant in California during the 2003/2004 license year, you *must* have a HARVEST INFORMATION SURVEY STAMP affixed to your hunting license.**

If you identify yourself as a migratory bird hunter on your hunting license application and answer the brief questionnaire, the license agent will affix a FREE Harvest Survey Stamp to the back on your 2003/2004 California hunting license. (Band-tailed pigeon and black brant hunters are also asked to identify themselves on their license application.) Under Federal regulation, persons hunting these species without this stamp may be cited. If there is *any* possibility you might hunt these species during this license year, check "YES."

This federal regulation ensures that states provide the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) with a valid sampling of migratory game bird hunters for the Harvest Information Program (HIP). A small segment of these hunters are asked to complete follow-up surveys on hunting activity and success. With this data, the USFWS can formulate more accurate harvest estimates and set appropriate seasons and bag limits. If you hunt in other states, you must meet the HIP requirements for each state. (Look for more information at license agents.)

***Thank you for taking a minute to complete your hunting license questionnaire. Your information will help preserve California's migratory game bird resources and ensure future hunting opportunities.***

## OTHER LAWS RELATED TO HUNTING

**LITTER:** It is unlawful to deposit, permit to pass into, or place where it can pass into the waters of the state, or to abandon, dispose of, or throw away, within 150 feet of the high water mark of the waters of the state, any cans, bottles, garbage, rubbish, or the viscera or carcass of any dead mammal, or the carcass of any dead bird. (Section 5652, Fish and Game Code.)

**SAFETY:** It is always unlawful to: Place on, or carry or possess a loaded rifle or shotgun in a vehicle or conveyance or its attachments on any public road or other way open to the public; Hunt while intoxicated;

Shoot at any game bird from a powerboat, sailboat, motor vehicle, or aircraft while under power or still moving from use of sail or motor (See Section 251, Title 14, CCR); Shoot any firearm from or upon a public road or highway.

**PUBLIC ROAD OR OTHER WAY OPEN DEFINED:** "Public road or other way open", particularly with respect to safety regulations, includes any roads (dirt or otherwise), trails, open fields, parking lots, etc., open to public access. (See Section 374c, Penal Code.)

**DISCHARGING FIREARMS OR OTHER DEADLY WEAPONS:** It is unlawful for any person, other than the owner, person in possession of the premises, or a person having the express permission of the owner or person in possession of the premises, to hunt or to discharge while hunting, any firearm or other deadly weapon within 150 yards of any occupied dwelling house, residence, or other building or any barn or other outbuilding used in connection therewith. The 150-yard area is a "safety zone." (See Section 3004, Fish and Game Code.)

**FIREARMS:** It is always unlawful to: Fail to send a complete written report to the

Department within 48 hours after killing or wounding while hunting, any human being, or domestic animal belonging to another, or after witnessing such killing or wounding.

Use a shotgun larger than 10 gauge;

Use, for the taking of any game bird, a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined;

Use or possess shotshells containing shot size larger than No. BB in lead or No. T in steel when hunting migratory game birds.

**Use shot that is not loose in the shell for taking resident small game and migratory game birds;**

Possess a machine gun, silencer, shotgun with barrel less than 18 inches in length, or rifle with barrel less than 16 inches in length.

**PARKS AND REFUGES:** It is unlawful to: Hunt in any National Park or Monument, in State of California Beaches and Parks or Monument areas, or in any State Game Refuge, or to shoot into such an area any weapon capable of taking any bird.

Possess in any State Game Refuge any bird or mammal or part thereof, or any weapon capable of taking any bird. However, possession of firearms or bows and arrows by persons traveling through game refuges on a public highway or other public thoroughfare or right of way is permitted when the firearms are taken apart or encased and unloaded, and the bows are unstrung.

National Parks and Monuments have special regulations regarding the possession of weapons, game and the running of hunting dogs. Check with federal officials before entering these areas.

**TAGS AND LICENSES.** It is always unlawful to:

Hunt any game bird or mammal without having the required licenses, tags and/or stamps in possession;

Change, mutilate, or transfer any license, tag, or

stamp;

Have in possession while hunting any license belonging to another person.

**GAME RESTRICTIONS:** It is always unlawful to: Use any light to assist in taking any game bird or game mammal (except raccoon, see Section 464, Fish and Game Code);

Sell or barter game taken under authority of a hunting license;

**RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY:** It is always unlawful to damage other's property while hunting.

**TRESPASS:** If the land you hunt on is not your own, it belongs to someone else. Make sure you have a legal right to be there. Contact the owner or person who administers the property, and secure written permission to hunt. A hunting license does not entitle you to enter private property.

"It is unlawful to enter any lands under cultivation or enclosed by a fence, belonging to, or occupied by, another, or to enter any uncultivated or unenclosed lands, including lands temporarily inundated by waters flowing outside the established banks of a river, stream, slough, or other waterway, where signs forbidding trespass are displayed at intervals not less than three to the mile along all exterior boundaries and at all roads and trails entering such lands, for the purpose of discharging any firearm or taking or destroying any mammal or bird, including any waterfowl, on such lands without having first obtained written permission from the owner of such lands, or his agent, or the person in lawful possession thereof. Such signs may be of any size and wording, other than the wording required for signs under Section 2017, which will fairly advise persons about to enter the land that the use of such land is so restricted." Section 2016, Fish and Game Code.

2003-2004 Shooting Hours - Southern California													
		Paso Robles		Kern		Bishop		LA		San Diego		Imperial	
MO.	DAY	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
Sept	1	6:06	7:32	5:58	7:24	5:54	7:23	5:56	7:19	5:53	7:14	5:44	7:05
Sept	6	6:10	7:25	6:03	7:17	5:58	7:15	6:00	7:12	5:56	7:07	5:47	6:58
Sept	13	6:15	7:14	6:07	7:06	6:04	7:05	6:05	7:03	6:01	6:58	5:53	6:50
Sept	20	6:20	7:04	6:12	6:56	6:09	6:54	6:09	6:53	6:05	6:48	5:57	6:40
Sept	27	6:26	6:54	6:18	6:46	6:15	6:43	6:14	6:43	6:10	6:39	6:02	6:31
Oct	4	6:30	6:43	6:23	6:36	6:21	6:33	6:19	6:33	6:15	6:30	6:08	6:23
Oct	11	6:36	6:34	6:29	6:27	6:28	6:22	6:25	6:24	6:20	6:21	6:13	6:14
Oct	18	6:42	6:24	6:35	6:17	6:34	6:13	6:30	6:15	6:25	6:12	6:18	6:05
Oct	25	6:48	6:16	6:41	6:09	6:41	6:04	6:36	6:07	6:30	6:05	6:24	5:59
Oct*	26	5:49	5:15	5:42	5:08	5:42	5:03	5:37	5:06	5:31	5:04	5:25	4:58
Nov	1	5:55	5:09	5:48	5:02	5:48	4:56	5:42	5:00	5:36	4:58	5:30	4:52
Nov	8	6:01	5:02	5:54	4:55	5:55	4:49	5:49	4:54	5:42	4:52	5:36	4:46
Nov	15	6:08	4:57	6:01	4:50	6:03	4:43	5:55	4:49	5:49	4:48	5:43	4:42
Nov	22	6:15	4:53	6:08	4:46	6:10	4:39	6:02	4:46	5:55	4:44	5:49	4:38
Nov	29	6:22	4:51	6:15	4:44	6:17	4:36	6:08	4:44	6:01	4:43	5:55	4:37
Dec	6	6:28	4:50	6:21	4:43	6:23	4:35	6:14	4:43	6:07	4:42	6:01	4:36
Dec	13	6:33	4:51	6:26	4:44	6:29	4:36	6:20	4:45	6:12	4:44	6:07	4:38
Dec	20	6:38	4:54	6:32	4:47	6:33	4:39	6:24	4:47	6:16	4:46	6:11	4:40
Dec	27	6:41	4:58	6:34	4:51	6:37	4:43	6:27	4:51	6:20	4:50	6:14	4:44
Jan	3	6:43	5:03	6:36	4:56	6:38	4:48	6:29	4:56	6:21	4:55	6:16	4:49
Jan	10	6:43	5:09	6:36	5:02	6:38	4:54	6:29	5:02	6:22	5:01	6:16	4:55
Jan	17	6:41	5:16	6:34	5:09	6:36	5:01	6:28	5:09	6:21	5:07	6:15	5:01
Jan	24	6:38	5:23	6:31	5:16	6:33	5:09	6:25	5:15	6:18	5:14	6:12	5:08
Jan	25	6:38	5:24	6:31	5:17	6:32	5:10	6:25	5:16	6:18	5:15	6:12	5:09
Jan	31	6:34	5:30	6:27	5:23	6:28	5:17	6:21	5:22	6:14	5:20	6:08	5:14

2003-2004 Shooting Hours - Northern California													
		Eureka		Tulelake		Colusa		San Fran.		Sacto.		Los Banos	
MO.	DAY	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
Sept	1	6:13	7:49	6:01	7:41	6:06	7:39	6:09	7:39	6:05	7:36	6:05	7:32
Sept	6	6:18	7:41	6:06	7:32	6:10	7:31	6:14	7:32	6:09	7:29	6:09	7:25
Sept	13	6:25	7:29	6:14	7:19	6:17	7:20	6:20	7:21	6:15	7:18	6:14	7:15
Sept	20	6:32	7:18	6:20	7:07	6:24	7:09	6:25	7:10	6:22	7:07	6:20	7:04
Sept	27	6:39	7:06	6:28	6:54	6:30	6:57	6:31	6:59	6:28	6:55	6:25	6:54
Oct	4	6:46	6:54	6:36	6:42	6:36	6:47	6:38	6:49	6:34	6:45	6:31	6:43
Oct	11	6:53	6:43	6:43	6:31	6:43	6:36	6:44	6:38	6:41	6:34	6:37	6:33
Oct	18	7:01	6:32	6:51	6:20	6:51	6:25	6:51	6:28	6:48	6:24	6:44	6:24
Oct	25	7:09	6:22	6:59	6:10	6:58	6:15	6:58	6:19	6:55	6:15	6:50	6:15
Oct*	26	6:10	5:21	6:00	5:08	5:59	5:14	5:59	5:18	5:56	5:13	5:51	5:14
Nov	1	6:17	5:13	6:08	5:00	6:05	5:07	6:05	5:11	6:02	5:06	5:57	5:07
Nov	8	6:25	5:05	6:16	4:52	6:13	4:59	6:12	5:04	6:10	4:59	6:04	5:00
Nov	15	6:33	4:59	6:24	4:46	6:21	4:53	6:20	4:59	6:18	4:53	6:12	4:55
Nov	22	6:42	4:54	6:33	4:40	6:29	4:49	6:27	4:54	6:25	4:49	6:19	4:51
Nov	29	6:49	4:50	6:41	4:37	6:37	4:46	6:34	4:52	6:33	4:46	6:26	4:48
Dec	6	6:56	4:49	6:48	4:35	6:43	4:45	6:41	4:51	6:39	4:45	6:32	4:47
Dec	13	7:02	4:49	6:54	4:35	6:49	4:45	6:46	4:51	6:45	4:45	6:38	4:48
Dec	20	7:07	4:52	6:59	4:38	6:54	4:48	6:51	4:54	6:50	4:48	6:42	4:51
Dec	27	7:10	4:56	7:02	4:42	6:57	4:52	6:54	4:58	6:53	4:52	6:45	4:55
Jan	3	7:11	5:01	7:03	4:47	6:58	4:57	6:56	5:03	6:54	4:57	6:47	5:00
Jan	10	7:11	5:08	7:02	4:54	6:58	5:04	6:55	5:10	6:54	5:04	6:47	5:06
Jan	17	7:08	5:16	6:59	5:02	6:56	5:11	6:53	5:17	6:52	5:11	6:45	5:13
Jan	24	7:04	5:24	6:56	5:11	6:52	5:19	6:50	5:24	6:48	5:19	6:42	5:21
Jan	25	7:03	5:25	6:54	5:12	6:51	5:20	6:49	5:25	6:47	5:20	6:41	5:22
Jan	31	6:58	5:33	6:49	5:20	6:46	5:27	6:45	5:32	6:43	5:27	6:37	5:28

**250. General Prohibition Against Taking Resident Game Birds, Game Mammals and Furbearing Mammals.**

Except as otherwise provided in this Title 14, and in the Fish and Game Code, resident game birds, game mammals and furbearing mammals may not be taken at any time.

**250.5. Shooting Time.**

In these orders whenever a specific clock time is mentioned, such time is meant to be legal California time for the date specified: i.e., during the days when California is on Pacific Daylight Saving Time, Pacific Daylight Saving Time is intended; when California is legally on Pacific Standard Time, Pacific Standard Time is intended. When reference is made to sunrise or sunset time, such reference is to the sunrise or sunset time at the location of the hunter.

**251. Pursuing or Shooting Birds and Mammals from Motor-Driven Air or Land Vehicles, Motorboats, Airboats, Sailboats or Snowmobiles.**

(a) General Prohibition: No person shall pursue, drive, herd, or take any bird or mammal from any type of motor-driven air or land vehicles, motorboat, airboat, sailboat, or snowmobile, except:

(1) When the motor of such motorboat, airboat, or sailboat has been shut off and/or the sails furled and its progress therefrom has ceased, and it is drifting, beached, moored, resting at anchor, or is being propelled by paddle, oar or pole.

(2) When used by the landowner or tenant of private property to drive or herd game mammals for the purpose of preventing damage to private property.

(3) Pursuant to a license from the department issued under such regulations as the commission may prescribe (see subsection 251(b) below).

(b) Mobility Disabled Persons Motor Vehicle License

(1) Applications: Applications for a Motor Vehicle Hunting License for mobility disabled persons shall be on a form supplied by the Department (Mobility Impaired Disabled Persons Motor Vehicle Hunting License Application, FG1460-10/95). The application shall include the applicant's name, address, physical description, a description of the qualifying disability, and a certified statement from a licensed physician describing the applicant's permanent disability. It shall be unlawful for any person to falsify an application for a Motor Vehicle Hunting License.

(2) Terms of the License: The Motor Vehicle Hunting License shall specify conditions under which said license shall be used and shall include but not be limited to the following provisions:

(A) The licensee shall be accompanied by an able bodied assistant who shall immediately retrieve, and tag if necessary, all game taken. (Possession of the licensee's tag, required in this subsection, shall not be considered an unlawful possession of a tag or license issued to another person).

(B) The assistant shall not possess a firearm, crossbow or archery equipment unless he/she is a licensed hunter and possesses any necessary license or tag for the area being hunted. The assistant shall not discharge a firearm or release a bolt or an arrow from the vehicle. If licensed, the assistant may dispatch wounded game which has moved out of range of the licensee.

(C) The vehicle must be stopped and the engine must be shut off prior to the licensee discharging a firearm or releasing a bolt from a crossbow or

an arrow from archery equipment.

(D) The licensee shall notify the Department, at the regional office having responsibility for the area where the licensee intends to hunt, at least 48 hours prior to hunting or contact the department's 24-hour dispatcher at the number indicated on the license. The licensee shall specify the locality, vehicle description, and the approximate time frame during which such hunt shall take place.

(E) The licensee or assistant shall not pursue any animal or drive or herd animals to any other hunters with a motor vehicle.

(F) This license does not grant permission to trespass on private property or permission to use a motor vehicle while in any area where the use of motor vehicles is restricted or prohibited.

(G) This license does not grant permission to discharge a firearm in any place or manner that would otherwise be unlawful, or to possess a loaded firearm in violation of any other city, county or state law.

(H) The licensee shall have the license in possession while hunting from a motor vehicle.

(3) License Fee: A license fee of \$31.25, as adjusted annually pursuant to Section 713 of the Fish and Game Code, shall be charged for processing and issuing the Mobility Impaired Disabled Person Motor Vehicle Hunting License. Licenses shall be issued only by the Director or his/her designee. Licenses shall be permanent and have no expiration date.

**251.1. Harassment of Animals.**

Except as otherwise authorized in these regulations or in the Fish and Game Code, no person shall harass, herd or drive any game or nongame bird or mammal or furbearing mammal. For the purposes of this section, harass is defined as an intentional act which disrupts an animal's normal behavior patterns, which includes, but is not limited to, breeding, feeding or sheltering. This section does not apply to a landowner or tenant who drives or herds birds or mammals for the purpose of preventing damage to private or public property, including aquaculture and agriculture crops.

**251.5. Game Birds, Game Mammals, Furbearers and Nongame Animals, Possession Of.**

(a) Migratory game birds may not be held beyond the period provided by the federal regulations and in accordance with the daily bag and possession limits prescribed by these regulations. (See section 500.)

(b) Live mountain lions may be possessed only under terms of a permit issued by the Department pursuant to section 2150 of the Fish and Game Code or if the owner can demonstrate that the mountain lion was in his/her possession on or before June 6, 1990 under a permit issued pursuant to section 3200 of said code.

(c) Every game bird, game mammal, furbearer or nongame animal taken under the authority of a hunting or trapping license and reduced to possession by the hunter or trapper shall be immediately killed and become a part of the daily bag limit.

**251.7. Possession, Transportation and Importation of Game Birds.**

(a) No person may possess game birds taken in this state in excess of the daily bag and possession limits. The exception to this is for the purpose of transportation, cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment, or taxidermy services,

where an individual may possess game birds taken by another hunter provided that they are tagged by the hunter who has lawfully taken them. The tag must contain the hunter's name, address, hunting license number, kinds and numbers of game birds taken, date and location of kill, and signature.

(b) Migratory game birds, except band-tailed pigeons, transported within California must have a fully feathered wing or head attached while being moved from the place where taken to a personal abode or commercial preservation facility. Doves must have a fully feathered wing attached.

(c) Migratory game birds imported into California shall be accompanied by a declaration of entry as prescribed in Section 2353 of the Fish and Game Code.

(d) Only one possession limit of migratory game birds may be possessed per individual after the close of the season for that species.

**252. Bag and Possession Limit Defined.**

"Bag and possession limit" means the daily bag limit of each kind of resident and migratory game birds, game mammals and furbearing mammals which may be taken and possessed by any one person unless otherwise authorized.

**257. Resident Small Game Defined.**

"Resident small game" means the following resident game birds: Chinese spotted doves, ringed turtle-doves of the family Columbidae, California quail and varieties thereof, Gambel or desert quail, mountain quail and varieties thereof, blue grouse and varieties thereof, ruffed grouse, sage grouse (sage hens), white-tailed ptarmigan, Hungarian partridges, redlegged partridges, including the chukar and other varieties, ring-necked pheasants and varieties, and wild turkeys of the order Galliformes; and the following game mammals: jackrabbits and varying hares (genus Lepus), cottontail rabbits, brush rabbits, pigmy rabbits (genus Sylvilagus), and tree squirrels (genus Sciurus and Tamiasciurus).

**257.5. Prohibition Against Taking Resident Game Birds and Mammals by the Aid of Bait.**

Except as otherwise provided in these regulations or in the Fish and Game Code, resident game birds and mammals may not be taken within 400 yards of any baited area.

(a) Definition of Baited Area. As used in this regulation, "baited area" shall mean any area where shelled, shucked or unshucked corn, wheat or other grains, salt, or other feed whatsoever capable of luring, attracting, or enticing such birds or mammals is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered, and such area shall remain a baited area for ten days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grains, salt, or other feed.

(b) Exceptions:

(1) The taking of domestically reared and released game birds on licensed pheasant clubs and other licensed game bird clubs;

(2) The taking of resident game birds and mammals on or over standing crops, flooded standing crops (including aquatics), flooded harvested croplands, grain crops properly shocked on the field where grown, or grains found scattered solely as the result of normal agricultural planting or harvesting;

(3) The taking of resident game birds and mammals on or over any lands where shelled, shucked or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed have been distributed or scattered as the



result of bona fide agricultural operations or procedures, or as a result of manipulation of a crop or other feed on the land where grown for wildlife management purposes: provided that manipulation for wildlife management purposes does not include the distributing or scattering of grain or other feed once it has been removed from or stored on the field where grown.

#### **258. Season Defined.**

"Season" means that period of time during which resident and migratory game birds, game mammals and fur-bearing mammals may be taken. All dates are inclusive.

#### **260. Prohibition Against Taking Other Than Migratory Game Birds and Quail in Picacho State Recreation Area.**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these regulations, in Picacho State Recreation Area only migratory game birds and quail may be taken or possessed as prescribed in Sections 301, 500, 501 and 502 of these regulations.

#### **260.1. Prohibition Against Hunting Other Than During September-January on Providence Mountains State Recreation Area.**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these regulations, in Providence Mountains State Recreation Area hunting is permitted only during the period September 1 to January 31.

#### **260.2. Hunting Restrictions on Lake Oroville State Recreation Area.**

Game species may be taken on the Lake Oroville State Recreation Area only as follows:

(a) No hunting of any type is permitted between February 1 and September 14 except for wild turkeys only, during the spring turkey hunting season as provided in Section 300 of these regulations.

(b) No waterfowl or deer hunting is permitted at any time.

(c) Game species may be taken only during their respective open seasons or portions thereof falling within the period September 15 through January 31; and as provided in (a) above; and as otherwise provided by state Parks and Recreation area regulations (see area regulations).

#### **260.3. Prohibition Against Taking Other Than Migratory Game Birds on San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these regulations, in San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area, only migratory waterfowl may be taken or possessed as prescribed in Section 502 of these regulations.

#### **260.4. Prohibition Against Taking Other Than Waterfowl and Resident Small Game on Perris Reservoir State Recreation Area.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these regulations, in Perris Reservoir State Recreation Area only waterfowl and resident small game may be taken or possessed as prescribed in Section 551 of these regulations.

#### **260.5. Prohibition Against Taking Other Than Waterfowl, American Coots, Common Moorhens and Common Snipe Within Harry A. Merlo State Recreation Area.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these regulations, in Harry A. Merlo State Recreation Area, only waterfowl, American coots, common moorhens and common snipe may be taken or possessed as prescribed in Section 502 of these regulations.

#### **310.5. Shooting Hours for Upland Game Birds.**

The shooting hours for all upland game birds, except for pheasants and the spring wild turkey season, shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. The shooting hours for pheasants shall be from 8:00 a.m. to sunset. The shooting hours for the spring wild turkey season shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to 4:00 p.m.

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### **GENERAL SMALL GAME REGULATIONS**

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#### **311. Methods Authorized for Taking Resident Small Game.**

Only the following may be used to take resident small game:

(a) Shotguns 10 gauge or smaller using shot shells only and incapable of holding more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined. If a plug is used to reduce the capacity of a magazine to fulfill the requirements of this section, the plug must be of one piece construction incapable of removal without disassembling the gun;

(b) Shotgun shells may not be used or possessed that contain shot size larger than No. BB, except that shot size larger than No. 2 may not be used or possessed when taking wild turkey. All shot shall be loose in the shell.

(c) Muzzle-loading shotguns;

(d) Falconry;

(e) Bow and arrow (see Section 354 for archery equipment regulations);

(f) Air rifles firing pellets and powered by compressed air or gas (0.20 caliber minimum for taking wild turkey); and firearm rifles and pistols for taking rabbits and squirrels, except in Los Angeles County, in addition to the methods listed in (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) above;

(g) In San Diego County only, rabbits may be taken at any time during the open season by means of box traps. Such traps shall not exceed 24 inches in any dimension, shall be tended at least once every 24 hours, and shall show the name and address of the trap owner. All rabbits taken under this section shall be immediately killed and become a part of the daily bag limit;

(h) Electronic or mechanically-operated calling or sound-reproducing devices are prohibited when attempting to take resident game birds;

(i) Coursing dogs may be used to take rabbits;

(j) Archers hunting during any archery season may not possess a firearm while in the field engaged in archery hunting during an archery season;

(k) The use of live decoys is prohibited when attempting to take resident game birds;

(l) Pistols and revolvers may be used to take blue and ruffed grouse in those counties only and for the season described in Section 300 (a)(1)(E).

(m) Crossbows, except for provisions of Section 354(d) and (g).

(n) Dogs may be used to take and retrieve resident small game.

#### **311.6. Prohibition of Rifles and Pistols in Picacho and Providence Mountains State Recreation Areas.**

The use of rifles and pistols to take any bird or mammal is prohibited in Picacho and Providence Mountains State Recreation Areas.

#### **313. Upland Game Bird Stamp.**

Any adult license holder taking resident game birds including Chinese spotted doves, ringed turtle doves, of the family Columbidae; California quail and varieties thereof, Gambel's or desert quail, mountain quail and varieties thereof; blue, ruffed, and sage grouse, white-tailed ptarmigan, Hungarian partridges, red-legged partridges including the chukar and other varieties; ring-necked pheasants and varieties; and wild turkeys of the order Galliformes; and migratory game birds including common snipe, western mourning doves, white-winged doves, and band-tailed pigeons must have a current state upland game stamp affixed to their license.

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### **ARCHERY EQUIPMENT AND CROSSBOW REGULATIONS**

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#### **354. Archery Equipment and Crossbow Regulations.**

(a) Bow, as used in these regulations, means any device consisting of a flexible material having a string connecting its two ends and used to propel an arrow held in a firing position by hand only. Bow, includes long bow, recurve or compound bow.

(b) Crossbow, as used in these regulations means any device consisting of a bow or cured latex band or other flexible material (commonly referred to as a linear bow) affixed to a stock, or any bow that utilizes any device attached directly or indirectly to the bow for the purpose of keeping a crossbow bolt, an arrow or the string in a firing position. A crossbow is not archery equipment.

(c) For the taking of big game, hunting arrows and crossbow bolts with a broad head type blade which will not pass through a hole seven-eighths inch in diameter shall be used. Mechanical/retractable broad heads shall be measured in the open position. For the taking of migratory game birds, resident small game, furbearers and nongame mammals and birds any arrow or crossbow bolt may be used except as prohibited by subsection (d) below.

(d) No arrows or crossbow bolt with an explosive head or with any substance which would tranquilize or poison any animal may be used. No arrows or crossbow bolt without flu-flu fletching may be used for the take of pheasants and migratory game birds, except for provisions of Section 507(a)(2).

(e) No arrow or crossbow bolt may be released from a bow or crossbow upon or across any highway, road or other way open to vehicular traffic.

(f) No bow or crossbow may be used which will not cast a legal hunting arrow, except flu-flu arrows, a horizontal distance of 130 yards.

(g) Crossbows may not be used to take game birds and game mammals during archery seasons.

(h) Archers may not possess a firearm while hunting in the field during any archery season, or while hunting during a general season under the provisions of an archery only tag.

(i) No person may nock or fit the notch in the end of an arrow to a bowstring or crossbow string in a ready-to-fire position while in or on any vehicle.

## SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS

### 300. UPLAND GAME BIRDS

(a) Resident Upland Game Birds

**(1) General Seasons: Shotgun; Crossbow; and Pistol/Revolver for Blue/Ruffed Grouse Only; Bag and Possession Limits and Open Areas**  
(see Authorized Methods of Take, Section 311)

<i>Species</i>	<i>1. Seasons</i>	<i>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>
<b>(A) Pheasants</b>	The second Saturday in November extending for 44 consecutive days <b>(Nov. 8 - Dec. 21, 2003)</b>	Bag Limit: 2 males per day for the first 2 days of the season; 3 males per day after the first two days of the season Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit
3. Area:	Statewide	

<b>(B) Quail</b> [including California (valley) quail, mountain quail, and Gambel's (desert) quail]	See area zone descriptions for details	Bag Limit: 10 quail in any combination of species per day Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit
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Mountain Quail only: a. **Early Mountain Quail Season (Zone A)** - The second Saturday in September extending through the Friday prior to the third Saturday in October **(Sept. 13, 2003 - Oct. 17, 2003)**

All species: **General Quail Season (Zone A)** - The third Saturday in October extending through the last Sunday in January **(Oct. 18, 2003 - Jan. 25, 2004)**

All species: b. **Early Coastal Season (Zone B)** The last Saturday in September extending through the last Sunday in January **(Sept. 27, 2003 - Jan. 25, 2004)**

All species: c. **Balance of the State Season (Zone C)** The third Saturday in October extending through the last Sunday in January **(Oct. 18, 2003 - Jan. 25, 2004)**

### Quail Hunting Zone Area Descriptions

3. Area Zone Descriptions:

#### a. Zone A:

The early mountain quail season hunting zone includes the counties of Alpine, Butte, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Inyo, Lassen, Modoc, Mono, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity, and those portions of Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, Nevada, Placer, Tuolumne, Tulare, and Yuba counties lying east of the western boundary of the national forests.

#### b. Zone B:

The early coastal quail season (all species) hunting zone includes the counties of Marin, Napa, Solano, Sonoma, Lake, and Mendocino.

#### c. Zone C:

The balance of the state season (all species) hunting zone includes the remaining land area not included in Zone B (the counties of Marin, Napa, Solano, Sonoma, Lake, and Mendocino).

<b>(C) Chukar (Red-Legged Partridges)</b>	The third Saturday in October through the last Sunday in January <b>(Oct. 18, 2003 - Jan. 25, 2004)</b>	Bag Limit: 6 chukar per day Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit
3. Area:	Statewide	

## 300(a)(1) Resident Upland Game Birds, General Seasons -- Continued

Species	1. Seasons	2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits
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<b>(D) Sage Grouse</b> (Hunting by permit only)	The second Saturday in September extending for two consecutive days. <b>(Sept. 13-14, 2003)</b>	See area open zone descriptions (Section 300(a)(1)(D)3.)
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### East Lassen and Central Lassen zones:

Bag Limit: 2 sage grouse per day. Possession Limit: 2 sage grouse per season.

### North Mono and South Mono and Inyo zones:

Bag Limit: 1 sage grouse per day. Possession Limit: 1 sage grouse per season.

## Sage Grouse Hunting Zone Descriptions and Permit Process

### 3. Area Open Zone Descriptions:

#### a. East Lassen Zone:

That portion of Lassen County beginning at the intersection of Highway 395 and County Road 502 in the town of Ravendale; north and east on County Road 502 to County Road 526 (Buckhorn Road); east on County Road 526 to the Nevada state line; south along the Nevada state line to its intersection with County Road 320 (Wendel-Flanigan Road); northwest on County Road 320 to its intersection with Highway 395 between Wendel and Litchfield north on Highway 395 to the point of beginning.

#### b. Central Lassen Zone:

That portion of Lassen County beginning at the intersection of Highway 139 and County Road 513 (Termo-Grasshopper Road); east on County Road 513 to its intersection with County Road 523 (Westside Road); north on County Road 523 to its intersection with County Road 525 (Brockman Road); east on County Road 525 to its intersection with Highway 395; south on Highway 395 to its intersection with Highway 36 in the town of Johnstonville; west on Highway 36 to its intersection with Highway 139 in Susanville; north on Highway 139 to the point of beginning.

#### c. North Mono Zone:

That portion on Mono county beginning at the intersection of Highway 182 and the California-Nevada state line; south and east along the California-Nevada state line to Highway 167; west along Highway 167 to Highway 395; north along Highway 395 to Highway 182 at Bridgeport; north along Highway 182 to the point of beginning.

#### d. South Mono and Inyo Zone:

That portion of Mono and Inyo counties beginning at the intersection of Highway 167 and the California-Nevada state line; south and east along the California-Nevada state line to the second crossing of Highway 266; west along Highway 266 to Highway 168; south and west along Highway 168 to Highway 395; north along Highway 395 to Highway 167; east along Highway 167 to the point of beginning. **The following area within this open zone is closed to hunting sage grouse:** That portion of Mono County beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 395 and Benton Crossing Road; north and east along Benton Crossing Road to State Highway 120; north and east on State Highway 120 to U.S. Highway 6; south on U.S. Highway 6 to U.S. Highway 395; north and west on U.S. Highway 395 to the point of beginning.

**No open season in the balance of the state not included in the above open zones.**

### 4. Number of Permits:

- a. **East Lassen Zone:** 100 permits
- b. **Central Lassen Zone:** 40 permits
- c. **North Mono Zone:** 10 permits
- d. **South Mono and Inyo Zone:** 25 permits

### 5. Permit Process:

The free sage grouse hunting permits shall be issued by public drawing. All applicants shall apply either on a postcard or through the Internet at the License and Revenue Branch Home Page at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/index.html> and select sage grouse drawing. All applicants must provide their name, address, zip code, hunting license number, and the zone they wish to hunt. Applicants shall submit only one drawing application for either the East Lassen Zone, Central Lassen Zone, North Mono Zone, or the South Mono and Inyo Zone. Up to four hunters may apply as a party. All hunters' names, addresses, and hunting license numbers must be included on the application. Postcard applications for all hunts shall be mailed to the Department of Fish and Game, License and Revenue Branch, 3211 S Street, Sacramento, California, 98516. Applications must be received before the close of the business day on the second Monday of August for all open zones (East Lassen Zone, Central Lassen Zone, North Mono Zone, or the South Mono and Inyo Zone). Successful applicants will be notified by mail prior to the opening date of the season. Permits are nontransferable. Any permits remaining after the drawing will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis and will be advertised by news release following each drawing. Applications for remaining permits shall be mailed to the above address with the same required information. Successful drawing applicants previously selected, or hunt party members, may not apply for remaining permits.

### 6. Falconry Only Permits:

Applicants desiring to use a sage grouse permit during the falconry-only season must declare upon the application that the permit is for falconry only.

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<b>(E) Blue and Ruffed Grouse</b>	The second Saturday in September extending for 31 consecutive days <b>(Sept. 13 - Oct. 13, 2003)</b>	Bag Limit: 2 grouse per day
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### Bag Limit Makeup:

- up to 2 blue grouse
- up to 2 ruffed grouse
- or one of each

### Possession Limit:

- double the daily bag limit (4 grouse)



## Blue and Ruffed Grouse Hunting Zone Descriptions

3. Area Open Zone: The open hunting zone for blue and ruffed grouse includes the following counties: Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Inyo, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Mendocino, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba. All other counties are closed to the taking of blue or ruffed grouse.

<i>Species</i>	<i>1. Seasons</i>	<i>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>
<b>(F) White-tailed Ptarmigan</b>	The second Saturday in September extending for nine consecutive days <b>(Sept. 13 - 21, 2003)</b>	Bag Limit: 2 ptarmigan per day Possession Limit: 2 per season

## Ptarmigan Hunting Zone Descriptions

3. Area Open Zone: The open hunting zone for ptarmigan includes Alpine County and that portion of Mono County lying north and west of a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 203 and the Madera County line; east on Highway 203 to Highway 395; and north on Highway 395 to the Nevada state line.

<b>(G) Wild Turkeys</b>	<p>a. <b>Fall Season</b> - The second Saturday in November extending for 16 consecutive days <b>(Nov. 8 - 23, 2003)</b></p> <p>b. <b>Spring Season</b> - The last Saturday in March extending for 37 consecutive days <b>(March 27, 2004 - May 2, 2004)</b></p>	<p>Bag Limit: 1 either-sex turkey per day Possession Limit: 1 per season</p> <p>Bag Limit: 1 bearded turkey per day Possession Limit: 3 per season (A bearded turkey is one having a beard visible through the breast feathers.)</p>
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3. Area:

a. **Fall Season:** All counties except San Diego County

b. **Spring Season:** Statewide including State Game Refuge 1G, located in Tehama County

## Archery Seasons

**(2) Archery Seasons, Bag and Possession Limits and Open Areas** (see Authorized Methods of Take, sections 311 and 354)

<i>Species</i>	<i>1. Seasons</i>	<i>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>
<b>(A) Pheasants</b>	The second Saturday in November extending for 60 consecutive days <b>(Nov. 8, 2003 - Jan. 6, 2004)</b>	Bag Limit: 2 pheasants per day for the first 2 days of the season; 3 pheasants per day after the first two days of the season Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit; the daily archery bag may contain not more than one female pheasant
3. Area:	Statewide	

<b>(B) Quail</b> (all species)	The third Saturday in August extending for 21 consecutive days <b>(Aug. 16 - Sept. 5, 2003)</b> and during the general seasons as follows:	Bag Limit: 10 quail in any combination of species per day Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit
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Mountain Quail only:

a. **Early Mountain Quail Season (Zone A)** - The second Saturday in September extending through the Friday prior to the third Saturday in October **(Sept. 13 - Oct. 17, 2003)**

All species:

**General Quail Season (Zone A)** - The third Saturday in October extending through the last Sunday in January **(Oct. 18, 2003 - Jan. 25, 2004)**

All species:

b. **Early Coastal Season (Zone B)** - The last Saturday in September extending through the last Sunday in January **(Sept. 27, 2003 - Jan. 25, 2004)**

All species:

c. **Balance of the State Season (Zone C)** - The third Saturday in October extending through the last Sunday in January **(Oct. 18, 2003 - Jan. 25, 2004)**

3. Area: Statewide

**300(a)(2) Archery Seasons, Bag and Possession Limits and Open Areas -- Continued**

<i>Species</i>	<i>1. Seasons</i>	<i>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>
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<b>(C) Chukar</b>	The third Saturday in August extending for 21 consecutive days <b>(Aug. 16 - Sept. 5, 2003)</b> and during the general season <b>(Oct. 18, 2003 - Jan. 25, 2004)</b>	Bag Limit: 6 chukar Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit
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3. Area: Statewide

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<b>(D) Sage Grouse</b>	The second Saturday in September extending for 2 consecutive days <b>(Sept. 13 - 14, 2003)</b>	<b>East Lassen and Central Lassen zones:</b> Bag limit: 2 sage grouse per day. Possession limit: 2 sage grouse per season.
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3. Area:	[Section 300(a)(1)(D)3.], which include portions of Lassen, Mono, and Inyo counties. Hunting by free permit only; see permit process section for details.	<b>North Mono and South Mono and Inyo zones:</b> Bag limit: 1 sage grouse per day. Possession limit: 1 sage grouse per season.  (See Section 300(a)(1)(D)3. for zone descriptions)
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<b>(E) Blue and Ruffed Grouse</b>	The third Saturday in August extending for 21 consecutive days <b>(Aug. 16 - Sept. 5, 2003)</b> and during the general season from the second Saturday in September extending for 31 consecutive days. <b>(Sept. 13 - Oct. 13, 2003)</b>	Bag Limit: 2 grouse per day Bag Limit Makeup: up to 2 blue grouse, up to 2 ruffed grouse, or one of each Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit (4 grouse)
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3. Area:	Open Zone: see open zone descriptions for details [Section 300(a)(1)(E)3.], which include northern and eastern portions of the state.
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<b>(F) White-tailed Ptarmigan</b>	The second Saturday in September extending for nine consecutive days. <b>(Sept. 13 - 21, 2003)</b>	Bag Limit: 2 ptarmigan per day Possession Limit: 2 per season
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3. Area:	Open Zone: see open zone descriptions for details [Section 300(a)(1)(F)3.], which include portions of Alpine and Mono counties.
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<b>(G) Wild Turkeys</b>	a. <b>Fall Season</b> - The second Saturday in November extending for 16 consecutive days. <b>(Nov. 8 - 23, 2003)</b> b. <b>Spring Season</b> - The last Saturday in March extending for 37 consecutive days <b>(Mar. 27, 2004 - May 2, 2004)</b>	Bag Limit: 1 either-sex turkey per day Possession Limit: 1 per season Bag Limit: 1 bearded turkey per day Possession Limit: 3 per season (A bearded turkey is one having a beard visible through the breast feathers.)
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3. Area:	a. <b>Fall Season:</b> All counties except San Diego County b. <b>Spring Season:</b> Statewide including State Game Refuge 1G, located in Tehama County
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## Falconry Seasons

(3) **Falconry Seasons, Bag and Possession Limits and Open Areas** (see Authorized Methods of Take, Section 311)

<b>Species</b>	<b>1. Seasons</b>	<b>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</b>
<b>(A) Pheasants</b> <b>(B) Quail</b> <b>(C) Chukar</b> <b>(D) Blue and Ruffed Grouse</b> <b>(E) White-tailed Ptarmigan</b>	October 1 extending through the last day in February <b>(Oct. 1, 2003 - Feb. 29, 2004)</b>	Bag and Possession Limits: same as general season regulations by species. The daily falconry bag may contain birds of either sex. Hawking hours are sunrise to sunset.
3. Area:	See open zone descriptions or details on each species [Section 300(a)(1)]	
<b>(F) Sage Grouse</b> Hunting by permit only	The first Saturday in November extending for 60 consecutive days <b>(Nov. 1, 2003 - Dec. 30, 2003)</b> , and during the general season <b>(Sept. 13 - 14, 2003)</b>	<b>East Lassen and Central Lassen zones:</b> Bag Limit: 2 sage grouse per day. Possession Limit: 2 sage grouse per season.  <b>North Mono and South Mono and Inyo zones:</b> Bag Limit: 1 sage grouse per day. Possession Limit: 1 sage grouse per season Hawking hours are sunrise to sunset.  See area open zone descriptions (Section 300(a)(1) (D)3.)
3. Area:	See open zone descriptions [Section 300(a)(1)(D)3.]; hunting by free permit only; see permit process section for details.	
<b>(G) Wild Turkeys</b>	a. <b>Fall Season</b> - The second Saturday in November extending for 16 consecutive days <b>(Nov. 8 - 23, 2003)</b>  b. <b>Spring Season</b> - The last Saturday in March extending for 37 consecutive days <b>(Mar. 27 - May 2, 2004)</b>	Bag Limit: 1 either-sex turkey per day Possession Limit: 1 per season  Bag Limit: 1 bearded turkey per day Possession Limit: 3 per season (A bearded turkey is one having a beard visible through the breast feathers.)
3. Area:	a. <b>Fall Season:</b> All counties except San Diego County b. <b>Spring Season:</b> Statewide including State Game Refuge 1G, located in Tehama County	

## Migratory Upland Game Birds

(b) Migratory Upland Game Birds

**(1) Shotgun, Archery, and Falconry Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits** (see Authorized Methods of Take, Section 507)

<b>(A) Band-tailed Pigeons</b>	a. <b>Northern Zone</b> - The third Saturday in September extending for 9 consecutive days <b>(Sept. 20 - 28, 2003)</b> b. <b>Southern Zone</b> - The third Saturday in December extending for 9 consecutive days <b>(Dec. 20 - 28, 2003)</b>	Bag Limit: 2 band-tailed pigeons per day Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit
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### Band-tailed Pigeon Hunting Zone Descriptions

3. Area Open Zone Descriptions:

- a. **Northern Zone:** Includes the counties of Alpine, Butte, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity.
- b. **Southern Zone:** Includes the balance of the state not included in the northern zone described above.

<b>(B) Doves</b> (Mourning doves, white-winged doves, spotted doves, and ringed turtle doves)	<b>Sept. 1 - 15</b> and from the second Saturday in November extending for an additional 45 days. <b>(Nov. 8 - Dec. 22, 2003)</b>	Bag Limit: Spotted doves and ringed turtle doves shall be included in the bag and possession limit set for the mourning doves and white-winged doves. 10 doves per day in aggregate of the above listed doves.  Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit in aggregate of the above listed doves.
3. Area:	Statewide for mourning doves. White-winged doves may be taken only in Imperial, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties.	

**Note: There is no open hunting season on common ground-doves, ruddy ground-doves, and Inca doves.**

<b>(C) Common Snipe</b>	The third Saturday in October extending for 107 days <b>(Oct. 18, 2003 - Feb. 1, 2004)</b>	Bag Limit: 8 per day Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit
3. Area:	Statewide	

## Section 485. American Crow.

(a) Shotgun, Falconry, and Archery Seasons, and Bag and Possession Limits.

1. Seasons: The first Saturday in December and extending for 124 consecutive days (**Dec. 6, 2003 - Apr. 7, 2004**)

2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits: Bag Limit: 24 crows per day; Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit

3. Area: Statewide: see closure areas (d) below

(b) Crows may only be taken by shotguns 10 gauge or smaller using shot shells only and incapable of holding more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined, bow and arrow, and falconry. Crows may not be hunted from aircraft.

(c) No person shall kill or cripple a crow pursuant to this section without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the bird, and retain it in their actual custody at the place where taken or between that place and either: (1) their automobile or principal means of land transportation; or (2) their personal abode or temporary or transient place of lodging; or (3) a migratory bird preservation facility; or (4) a post office; or (5) a common carrier facility.

(d) Crows may not be taken in the following areas:

(1) Within the boundaries of the Trinity and Mendocino National Forests south of Highway 36.

(2) North and east of a line beginning at the mouth of the Eel River; south along the Eel River to the town of Alton; east on Highway 36 from the town of Alton to Highway 89 west of Chester; south and east on Highways 89 and 395 to Interstate 15 near Hesperia; south on Interstate 15 to Interstate 10; and east on Interstate 10 to the California-Arizona border.

(e) See section 472(d) for the take of American crows causing depredation.

## Authorized Methods for Taking Migratory Game Birds

**506. Shooting Hours.** The shooting hours for migratory game birds, including mourning doves, white-winged doves, band-tailed pigeons, American coots, common moorhens, common snipe (jacksnipe), and waterfowl for all of California shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

**Exception:** In areas open to hunting on, over or adjacent to the waters of Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo County, the shooting time shall be from 8:00 a.m. to sunset.

## **507. Provisions Related to the Taking of Migratory Game Birds.**

(a) Authorized Methods. Only the following methods may be used to take migratory game birds:

(1) Falconry.

(2) Bow and Arrows or Crossbows. Only arrows or crossbow bolts with flu-flu fletching may be used except that conventionally fletched arrows may be used to take waterfowl sitting on the water from scullboats or similar watercraft. Archers hunting during any archery season may not possess a firearm while in the field engaged in archery hunting.

(3) Muzzle-loading Shotguns.

(4) Shotguns 10 Gauge or Smaller. Shotguns 10 gauge or smaller using shot shells only and incapable of holding more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined may be used, except no shotgun larger than 12 gauge shall be used in areas open to hunting on, over or adjacent to the waters of Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo County. If a plug is used to reduce the capacity of a magazine to fulfill the requirements of this section, the plug must be of one piece construction incapable of removal without disassembling the gun. Shotgun shells may not be used or possessed that contain shot size larger than No. BB in lead or T shot in steel or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. All shot shall be loose in the shell.

(b) Use of Dogs. Dogs may be used to take and retrieve migratory game birds.

(c) Prohibition on Electronic or Mechanically-operated Devices. Electronic or mechanically-operated calling or sound-reproducing devices are prohibited when attempting to take migratory game birds. It is unlawful to use electronic or mechanically-operated spinning blade devices or spinning wing decoys when attempting to take waterfowl between the start of waterfowl season and November 30. For the purposes of this regulation, wind-powered spinning blade devices and kites are not prohibited.

(d) Live Decoy Prohibition. The use of live decoys is prohibited when attempting to take migratory game birds.

## **509. Concurrence with Federal Regulations.**

The regulations adopted by the United States through its Secretary of Interior under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, as amended annually in Part 10, subparts A and B, and Part 20, Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, are hereby adopted and made a part of this Title 14 except where said federal regulations are less restrictive than the provisions of Chapter 7 of this Title 14 (Sections 500-509), the provisions of Chapter 7 prevail.

## CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS Highlights Relating to Possession of Migratory Game Birds

### **§20.11 Meaning of terms.**

(d) Personal abode means one's principal or ordinary home or dwelling place, as distinguished from one's temporary or transient place of abode or dwelling such as a hunting club, or any club house, cabin, tent or trailer house used as a hunting club, or any hotel, motel or rooming house used during a hunting, pleasure or business trip.

### **§20.37 Custody of birds of another.**

No person shall receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are tagged as required by § 20.36. (See 20.40 below for tagging details.)

### **§20.39 Termination of possession.**

Subject to all other requirements of this part, the possession of birds taken by any hunter shall be deemed to have ceased when such birds have been delivered by him to another person as a gift; or have been delivered by him to a post office, a common carrier, or a migratory bird preservation facility and consigned for transport by the Postal Service or a common carrier to some person other than the hunter.

SOURCE: (41 FR 31537, July 29, 1976)

### **§20.40 Gift of migratory game birds.**

No person may receive, possess, or give to another, any freshly killed migratory game birds as a gift, except at the personal abodes of the donor or donee, unless such birds have a tag attached, signed by the hunter who took the birds, stating such hunter's address, the total number and species of birds and the date such birds were taken.

SOURCE: (42 FR 39668, Aug. 5, 1977) (Also see state tag requirements, Page 5, Section 251.7.)

### **§20.44 Marking package or container.**

No person shall transport by the Postal Service or a common carrier migratory game birds unless the package or container in which such birds are transported has the name and address of the shipper and the consignee and an accurate statement of the numbers of each species of birds therein contained clearly and conspicuously marked on the outside thereof.



## WARNING!

The Fish and Game Code provides that the Fish and Game Commission shall revoke the hunting privileges of any person who is convicted of three violations of the state's hunting laws or regulations within any five-year period.

### Information Related to Hunting Laws and Regulations

California's 2003-2004 resident and migratory upland game bird hunting seasons, bag limits, and the permitted hunting methods are contained in this booklet. These regulations, adopted by the Fish and Game Commission under authority of the Fish and Game Code, have been filed with the Office of Administrative Law, and with the Secretary of State and are included in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

In addition to the regulations which follow, laws passed by the State Legislature concerning hunting and game are contained in the Fish and Game Code and in the California Penal Code. There are also federal laws prohibiting the possession of certain types of firearms.

Laws (passed by the Legislature) and regulations (adopted by the Fish and Game Commission) are formulated to protect wildlife and to provide for an equitable distribution of harvestable animals. The hunter who knows the laws and regulations can enjoy the hunting experience.

### Disabled Veteran Hunting Licenses

A \$4.75 hunting license is available for qualified disabled veterans. To be eligible, applicants must submit: (1) a letter from the Veterans Administration verifying that the applicant has a 70 percent or greater service-connected disability and was honorably discharged from the United States armed forces; and (2) evidence of meeting California hunter education requirements. Applicants renewing this license may submit their disabled veteran hunting license from the previous year as proof of meeting eligibility requirements. The reduced-fee provisions do not apply to hunting tags or species stamps.

*Disabled Veteran Hunting Licenses are issued only through DFG Offices.*

## - - ATTENTION HUNTERS - - FEDERAL REGULATIONS RELATED TO BAITING

Federal regulations prohibiting hunting over bait for migratory game birds are incorporated by reference into State regulations pursuant to Section 509, Title 14, California Code of Regulations. Penalties for violating these regulations are severe. Persons may be fined up to \$15,000 and be sentenced to six months in jail if convicted of hunting over bait and be fined up to \$100,000 as an individual or \$200,000 as an organization and be sentenced to one year in prison if convicted of placing bait. *Simply stated, it is unlawful to take any migratory game bird by the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area, where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited.* The regulations provided below, for the benefit of hunters, are taken from the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Information on all federal bait regulations, including those pertaining to agricultural planting, harvesting or post harvest manipulation may be obtained from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by telephone at (916) 414-6660. Excerpts from 50 CFR Part 20, Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations Regarding Baiting and Baited Areas, Sections 20.11 (j)-(l) and 20.21 (i)(1) and (2) read as follows:

§20.11 (j) *Baited area* means any area on which salt, grain, or other feed has been placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered, if that salt, grain, or other feed could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on, or over areas where hunters are attempting to take them. Any such area will remain a baited area for ten days following the complete removal of all such salt, grain, or other feed.

(k) *Baiting* means the direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of salt, grain, or other feed that could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on, or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take them.

(l) *Manipulation* means the alteration of natural vegetation or agricultural crops by activities that include but are not

limited to mowing, shredding, discing, rolling, chopping, trampling, flattening, burning, or herbicide treatments. The term *manipulation* does not include the distributing or scattering of grain, seed, or other feed after removal from or storage on the field where grown.

No person shall take any migratory game birds:

§20.21 (i) By the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area, where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited. However, nothing in this paragraph prohibits:

(I) the taking of any migratory game bird, including waterfowl, coots, and cranes, on or over the following lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas.

(i) Standing crops or flooded standing crops (including aquatics); standing, flooded, or manipulated natural vegetation; flooded harvested croplands; or lands or areas where seeds or grains have been scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation or normal soil stabilization practice;

(ii) From a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with natural vegetation;

(iii) From a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with vegetation from agricultural crops, as long as such camouflaging does not result in the exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of grain or other feed; or

(iv) Standing or flooded standing agricultural crops where grain is inadvertently scattered solely as a result of a hunter entering or exiting a hunting area, placing decoys, or retrieving downed birds.

(2) The taking of any migratory game bird, except waterfowl, coots and cranes, on or over lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas, and where grain or other feed has been distributed or scattered solely as the result of manipulation of an agricultural crop or other feed on the land where grown, or solely as the result of a normal agricultural operation.



**CALIFORNIA, MOUNTAIN, AND GAMBEL'S QUAIL**  
General, Archery, and Falconry Seasons and Bag Limits

**GENERAL SEASONS**

- ZONE A** Mountain Quail Only  
Sept. 13, 2003 - Oct. 17, 2003  
All Quail  
Oct. 18, 2003 - Jan. 25, 2004
- ZONE B** All Quail  
Sept. 27, 2003 - Jan. 25, 2004
- ZONE C** All Quail  
Oct. 18, 2003 - Jan. 25, 2004

**ARCHERY ONLY SEASON**  
Aug. 16, 2003 - Sept. 5, 2003  
**FALCONRY ONLY SEASON**  
Oct. 1, 2003 - Feb. 29, 2004

**BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS**  
10 quail in any combination of species per day  
20 quail in possession after the opening day

**SAGE GROUSE**  
General and Falconry Seasons and Bag Limits

**GENERAL SEASONS**

- 2nd Saturday in September extending for  
2 days - September 13-14, 2003
- No Open Season

**FALCONRY ONLY SEASON**  
Nov. 1, 2003 - Dec. 30, 2003  
Hunting in open zones only.

**BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS**  
Lassen County Hunt Zones  
2 per day and 2 per season  
Mono and Inyo County Hunt Zones  
1 per day and 1 per season

NOTE: A sage grouse hunting permit is required and must be in possession.

**BLUE AND RUFFED GROUSE**  
General, Archery, and Falconry Seasons and Bag Limits

**GENERAL SEASON**

- Sept. 13, 2003 - Oct. 13, 2003
- No Open Season

**ARCHERY ONLY SEASON**  
Aug. 16, 2003 - Sept. 5, 2003

**FALCONRY ONLY SEASON**  
Oct. 1, 2003 - Feb. 29, 2004  
Hunting only in open zones.

**BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS**  
2 per day in aggregate of both species  
4 in possession after the opening day

**BAND-TAILED PIGEONS**  
Seasons and Bag Limits

**SEASONS**

- Sept. 20 - 28, 2003
- Dec. 20 - 28, 2003

**BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS**  
2 pigeons per day  
4 pigeons in possession after the opening day